81st Session in Jaipur for 6 days between 3rd to 8th January, 1994.

(b) 3652 delegates attended the Session; the names of the participating institutions are under compilation.

(c) and(d) The recommendations are presently at the drafting stage. The Indian Science Congress Asson. (ISCA), which holds the Session, sends the final recommendations to the Government which, in turn, further process them through an Inter-ministerial Task Force, set up for the purpose to enable appropriate action by the concerned Departments/Agencies. The salient aspects of the action taken by the Government are also reported to the next Session through the release of the Task Force Report followed by a Session thereon.

Foreign Scientists in Kerala

614. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether hordes of foreign bacterial scientists have been descending on Kerala and taking away scoops of Kerala soil from its different gradients with a view to develop recombinent technology that will revolutionise food and medicine production in the 21st Century;

(b) whether Kerala soil is particularly rich in ground flora and micro-organisms;

(c) whether tribals in India familiar with the forests have been using different plants for treatment of varieties of diseases;

(d) whether a serious study will be made of the rich tribal medicinal lore;

(e) whether China has already launched such a programme and expects to achieve its goal of health for all by the end of the century through strengthening tribal medicine; and

(f) whether Chinese have achieved phenomenal success in world competition on a diet comprising indigenous natural food and medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPTTS. OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Provision of Modern Micro-seismic Equipments

615. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what steps have been taken to provide modern micro-seismic equipments as per the recommendations of foreign experts who have studied the data on the Latur earthquake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): The report of foreign experts has not been received. However, one of the foreign experts recommended clustering of instruments for monitoring earthquake activity in the Peninsular India. This scheme has been included in the proposal for seeking external assistance for setting up a network in Peninsular India.

Report of CLRI for Leather Mission

616. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) had submitted any report to Government for launching a Leather Mission and had recommended that installation of new machinery for processing the imported hides and skins be treated as modernisation for financial assistance; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on that report?

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